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FOR: METHOD, DRILLING MACHINE, DRILL BIT AND BOTTOM HOLE  
ASSEMBLY FOR DRILLING BY ELECTRICAL DISCHARGE PULSES

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir,

Before calculation of the filing fee, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

**An Amendment to the Specification** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** are found on page 25 of this paper.